

**MINUTES**  
**Underhill Conservation Commission**  
**March 9, 2020**  
**Underhill Town Hall**

Present: Karen McKnight, Betsy Chapek, Daphne Tanis, Pat Lamphere, Laurie Graham, Steven Webster, Nancy McRae, Amy Golodetz, Peter Hiskes

Public Comment: None

Welcome and Opening Remarks: Karen welcomed all and led meeting.

Approval Minutes: 2/10/20 approved with changes.

Time: 6:30pm - 8:05pm

**Organizational Meeting**

- Daphne Tanis reappointed.
- Steve Webster to fill the available spot.
- Chair: Karen McKnight, Vice Chair: Amy Golodetz, Secretary: Laurie Graham
- Town of Underhill Conflict of Interest policy was reviewed and signed. Conversation about Article 3Gd and the ability to have informal communications with town and neighbors about the work of the UCC.
- UCC Rules of Procedure: Treasurer" was removed as this role is filled by the town.

**Educational Series**

- **Movies:** Rivers and Tides this Thursday 3/12 @ 7pm at the Town Hall. 40 chairs set-up at 6:30, Andrew will have technology and screen set up. Cookies provided by Sue Adams and Betsy Chapek.
- **Beaver Presentation Recap:** Daphne gave Laurie Graham the Living With Beavers sign-in sheet.
- **Upcoming Coyote Presentation:** Scheduled for the Town Hall on March 24 @ 6:30pm, Betsy will confirm with Kim Royar. Daphne Tanis will create event poster. Ask guests at sign in how they heard about event. Night of: chair set-up at 6:15pm.

**Other Events**

- Daphne mentions a talk led by Bat Biologist, could tie a Bat Program with for-sale bat houses next fall. Karen also has connection with owl expert.
- Indigenous Agriculture presentation led by author Fred Wiseman. Ideal date would be May 14 in the evening. Possible book signing.
- Green Up Day May 2, Plant Sale June 6
- Need to schedule Invasive Species programs this spring/summer.
- Betsy has notified local Conservation Commissions about movies, Karen and Daphne notified about beaver presentation. Karen will send them information about coyote presentation. Also advertise to Transition Towns.

**Plant Sale Planning / Trees**

- Nancy was in contact with the American Chestnut Society. Jericho Research Forest is growing seedlings that are not blight resistant. American Chestnut Society sells seedlings in February, 2 chestnut trees needed to get seeds. Amy will check with Ryan Ochs about his chestnut saplings. Some hybrid chestnuts are Zone 5, Underhill is zone 4b.
- Winooski Conservation District tree sale is going on currently, pick up is 4/25. Orders due by March 30.
- Intervale Nursery sells mostly riparian species.
- Will not be purchasing trees for Plant Sale. Instead Peter Hiskes will create a list of places that are selling these trees and post to FPF as a suggestion for those interested, and also post to the town website.

**Other Information**

- More official Underhill Conservation Commission email to send out information: Steve has an address that he created and will share. Karen will send a note to selectboard to let them know about the email address.
- At the beaver presentation, Daphne spoke with John Kart of "Great Richmond Root Out" Japanese Knotweed group along the Winooski River. Daphne will reach out to John to join our May meeting.
- Pat Sabalis sent an email about the invasive jumping worm. Nancy will speak to Pat more about this.